

REMARKS

Claims 1-7, 9, 11-18, 20 and 23-27 are pending. Claims 26 and 27 are new. Claims 11-17 were allowed. Claim 24 was objected to. (Note that PTOL-326 incorrectly states that claim 25 is objected to. Based on the text of the Examiner's Office Action and the fact that claim 24 is otherwise not mentioned on PTOL-326, stating that claim 25 is objected to is a typographical error.) Applicants submit that the amendments and new claims do not add new material to the current Application. No amendment made is related to the statutory requirements of patentability unless expressly stated herein. No amendment made is for the purpose of narrowing the scope of any claims, unless Applicant argues herein that such amendment is made to distinguish over a particular reference or combination of references.

Claims 1 and 18 are amended to delete the phrase "wherein the passivation layer is not under a dielectric layer," due to the rejection of this phrase under 35 U.S.C. 112. Claim 25 is deleted and hence the 35 U.S.C. 112 rejection of this claim should be withdrawn. Hence, all 112 rejections should be withdrawn.

All claims include the features of a substrate, a passivation layer overlying at least a portion of the substrate, a fuse formed overlying the passivation layer, and a packaging material formed in contact with an entire surface or length of the fuse. The Examiner stated in the Office Action that the presence of these features is why claims 11 and 24 are patentable. Applicant submits that it is each claim as a whole, and not only the features the Examiner states, that make the claims patentable. Nonetheless, Applicant submits that all claims are patentable over the prior art.

The Office Action contains numerous statements characterizing the claims, the specification, and the prior art. Regardless of whether such statements are addressed by Applicants, Applicants refuse to subscribe to any of these statements, unless expressly indicated by Applicants.

Applicants earnestly solicit allowance of all pending claims.

If Applicant has overlooked any additional fees, or if any overpayment has been made, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to credit or debit Deposit Account 503079, Freescale Semiconductor, Inc.

Respectfully submitted,

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